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Congresswoman Renee Ellmers
1210 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Congresswoman Ellmers,

The Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy, and Action would like to express our strong support for your recently introduced legislation, The Educating to Prevent Eating Disorders Act of 2015 (H.R. 4153) that aims to raise awareness for and prevent eating disorders through a middle school early intervention pilot program. H.R. 4153 is a great step to help raise awareness of eating disorders and early intervention of eating disorders within the school system, and with this, we applaud you.

As you know, eating disorders affect nearly 30 million Americans at some time in their life, and only one in ten of people affected will receive treatment. Given the complexity of this severe mental illness, early identification and intervention are very important in preventing the disorder from reach a stage that is very costly to treat and difficult to reverse. H.R. 4153 is a great starting point that would address this need using evidence-based practices and supplying the piloting middle schools with a well-needed health professional.

We are so thankful for your leadership on behalf of all individuals and families who have been impacted by an eating disorder. Your dedication and commitment to this cause is so important, and we look forward to working together toward these much needed practices.

Sincerely,

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